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HOUSE RESOLUTION 243
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Eagles of
Evangelical Christian School on their
outstanding 2001 football season.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Christian School Eagles achieved noteworthy success during the 2001 season, compiling a 4-7 record to earn a berth in the State Playoffs, placing them among Tennessee's elite teams; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles triumphed in their first postseason game to advance to the second round before concluding their season; and

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Christian squad achieved their remarkable success by utilizing an extraordinary combination of powerful offense, stifling defense, explosive special teams, and unquestionable heart; and

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WHEREAS, the offense utilized an impressive array of weapons to fuel the Eagles offensive unit, opposing offenses repeatedly bogged down in the face of the Eagles' formidable defense, and the Eagles' special teams unit provided a significant advantage by repeatedly removing the team from poor field position and bestowing that unwelcome situation upon opposing teams and threatening to turn the tide of a game at any time; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jim Jeinz and Assistants Aubrey Boren, David Butler, David Carter, Toby Davis, Alan Durham, Ryan Porter, and Ron Ring laid the groundwork for a successful season by sharing their substantial knowledge and love of football with the young men on the team; and

WHEREAS, much time and considerable talent were devoted to the effort by the team's support staff, Team Manager Brad Washam, Team Physician Stan Smith, and Trainer Larry Pegram, and

WHEREAS, the football players at Evangelical Christian School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the gridiron while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the student body and united the community in completing their triumphal run through the 2001 season; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary members of the 2001 Cardinal and White were: Seniors Blake Simmons, Walker Simmons, Pete Tashie, John Hill, Jim Plunk, Ben Todd, Ryan McPhail, Adam Fisher, Ryan Surratt, John Bailey, Wes Cofer, Phillip Blackwell, Daniel Cottam, and Clint Jacobson; Juniors Jeffrey Harris, Nathan Hill, Michael Marino, Josh Laughter, Jason Russell, Lee Smith, Ryan Shields, Matt Coleman, Stuart Morris, Seth Stevens, John Long, Rusty Carnathan, Matt Gentry, Andrew Moseley, Brad Cottam, Adam Rowan, and Jake Ferrell; Sophomores John McLaughlin, John Selph, John Mark Braswell, Graham Harrison, Kyle Jacobsen, Phillip Albertine, Jeremy Valentine, Andrew Fisher, Jonathan Hodge, Nic Vandervoort, Ryan Close, Chad Capooth, Jake McGhee, Patrick Shea, David Allen, Will

Binkley, Nick Reynolds, Hunter Stock, Matt Spurlock, Mark Radant, Michael Rhodes, James Blackburn, Lucian Hamlet, Chris Oliver, Bruce Brown, Tim Martin, and Justin Trammell; and Freshmen Casey Hill, Morgan McDonald, William Jowers, Evan Norton, Hall Simmons, Caleb Fisher, Lawson Baker, Cole Farmer, Daniel Neliuss, Hunter Hamlet, Josh Gutnechdt, Morgan Cox, Austin McClain, Matt Hall, Spencer Akin, Drew Hippel, Alex Griffith, Jeff Cottam, Chase Allen, and Matt Howard; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible an outstanding football season, but also surely bodes well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Evangelical Christian Eagles for their success on the gridiron and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That this Body joins the school administration, faculty, students, and families of Evangelical Christian School in congratulating the coaches and players of the Evangelical Christian School Eagles on their outstanding 2001 football season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish them much continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.